

REMARKS

In response to ¶ 8 of the office action, Applicants hereby affirm their election of claims 1-17 and 37-39. Non-elected claims 18-36, 40 and 41 have been canceled.

In ¶ 10 of the action, the specification was objected to for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The Applicants submit that this ground of objection has been mooted by the removal of the term "discontinuities" from the claims.

In ¶¶ 12 and 13 of the action, claims 1-17 and 37-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) and (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,536,951 to Sill. This ground of rejection has been mooted by the amendments to independent claims 1, 12 and 37 set forth above. In particular, Sill discloses a reclosable bag having a flanged zipper wherein the receptacle walls are respectively attached to the zipper flanges. No portions of the receptacle walls pass between the backs of the zipper strips and the sidewalls of the slider.

In contrast, independent claims 1, 12 and 37 have been amended to recite that wall portions joined to the backs of the zipper parts or bases of the zipper strips pass between those backs or bases and the slider sidewalls. Support for


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these claims amendments can be found in Figure 2 and description thereof in the specification.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims 1-17 and 37-39 are hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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